### IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI CENTRAL DIVISION

TOKI R. CAMERON	)	
On Behalf of Herself All Others Similarly Situated,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	Case No.: 2:10-cv-04219-NKL
vs.	j	
	)	
ELDERCARE MANAGEMENT SERVICS, INC. et al	)	
Defendants.	)	

# JOINT MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO BRIEF CONDITIONAL CERTIFICATION OF COLLECTIVE ACTION

The parties respectfully request a 21-day extension of the current briefing schedule for conditional collective action certification, and in support of this joint motion state as follows:

- Plaintiff filed this case, on October 5, 2010, seeking to recover unpaid wages
  and overtime on behalf of herself and other similarly situated current and
  former employees of Defendants' nursing homes in Missouri, under the Fair
  Labor Standards Act and Missouri wage and common laws;
- 2. Defendants deny any unlawful wage practices and deny that Plaintiff is similarly situated to the putative class and collective group of current and former employees;

- 3. Despite these contrary positions, the parties have reached a tentative settlement agreement;
- 4. The parties believe it is in their collective best interests, as well as the interests of the Court and judicial economy, to postpone briefing of conditional certification for 21 days to allow the parties time to finalize their settlement agreement;
- 5. Pursuant to this Court's Scheduling Order, Plaintiff's conditional certification motion is currently due April 15, 2011; Defendants' opposition brief is due April 29, 2011; Plaintiff's reply brief is due May 13, 2011 (Doc. 49);
- 6. This motion is timely as it is filed prior to the deadlines the parties seek to extend;
- 7. This is the parties' first request to extend this briefing schedule, and the parties do not believe a 21-day extension to allow for settlement will impact the current January 23, 2012 trial setting;
- 8. The sole purpose of this joint motion is to allow for an efficient resolution of this matter, and the parties do not intend to cause any undue delay.

For these reasons, the parties respectfully seek this Court's order extending the briefing schedule for conditional certification by 21 days.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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